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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2012

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, March 12, 2012, in Room 200 of the Attorney General's Offices at 323 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairperson Nancy Streit, called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Nancy Streit Betty Rhodes Kelley Williams
Steven Domon Laura Printz Angela Sanders
Gary Gray

Board Members Absent: Mae Isom Tealisa Allen

Board's Attorney: Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

Approval of Minutes:

Kelley Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 board meeting. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Complaint No. 2011-15:

The Executive Director reported that this Social Worker has been placed on suspension and the complaint is ongoing until such time as the charges against him have been resolved.

Update on Complaint No. 2012-14:

Dr. Stephen Domon reviewed the complaint and information investigated on complaint 2012-14. Based on the information gathered, he recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Gary Gray made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appearance Before the Board by Nancy Ewing:

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Nancy Ewing had written the Board requesting to appear before the Board. Ms. Ewing was seeking clarification of her job status and a request had been made on her behalf for her to take the Master's Exam for licensure as a LMSW. Laura Printz made a motion to deny the request for examination and licensure at the Master's level due to the fact that Ms. Ewing does not have a Master's degree in Social Work as required by Arkansas Law. Ms. Printz also made a motion to caution Ms. Ewing to be aware of the scope of practice for the LSW level. Kelley Williams seconded the motion. Gary Gray abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Review Request from Ersula Bruner, LSW:

Ersula Bruner had written the Board requesting clarification of supervision of social workers by a school principal. The Board requested a copy of the job description and clarification of credentials that were being used. This request is tabled until the April Meeting.

Board Vote on ASWB Attendance:

The Board's funding for 2012 allows for additional Board members to attend the ASWB Spring Education meeting. This year's topics will be on electronic practice. Betty Rhodes made a motion to allow up to two additional Board members to attend. The motion also includes that Board members in attendance will be reimbursed for expenses according to guidelines. Lodging expenses will be reimbursed over the state allowed limit due to conference arrangements in a particular hotel. Dr. Stephen Domon seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Anita Carpenter:

Anita Carpenter had written the Board requesting clarification of job duties to see if they would require a license in Arkansas. Dr. Stephen Domon made a motion to notify Ms. Carpenter that if the position is a social work position or requires a social worker or if the individual uses a social work credential, they must be licensed to practice in Arkansas. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion. Laura Printz abstained from voting. The motion carried.


Review Request from Destinie Jones:

Destinie Jones had written the Board requesting an extension to meet the renewal requirements due to extenuating circumstances. Gary Gray made a motion to grant Ms. Jones 90-days to complete the required face-to-face social work continuing education. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Adam Watkins:

Adam Watkins had written the Board asking if it was a conflict of interest if his LCSW Supervisor was the spouse of his employer. Betty Rhodes made a motion to notify Mr. Watkins that they did not consider that an ethical conflict. Dr. Stephen Domon seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Billy Shuburte:

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Billy Shuburte appeared before the Board. He had previously submitted letters to the Board requesting he be allowed to take the examination of LCSW licensure. He also included a Supervision Evaluation Form. Laura Printz made a motion to deny the request. Mr. Shuburte will be required to submit a Supervision Plan and complete two years of supervision according to the Plan. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Marie A. Crawford:

Marie A. Crawford had written the Board asking if a LCSW could practice Psychotherapy and call themselves Psychotherapist. Dr. Stephen Domon made a motion to notify Ms. Crawford that this was within the scope of practice for a LCSW. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Michelle Hutchins:

Michelle Hutchins had written the Board requesting an acceptance of her supervision plan which was received after the 60-day requirement. Angela Sanders made a motion to deny the request. The Board will count back 60 days from the postmark on the envelope for the acceptable beginning date of supervision. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Chris Kirkman Henson:

Chris Kirkman Henson had written the Board requesting an acceptance of her supervision plan which was received after the 60-day requirement and approval to test for the LCSW licensure level. Angela Sanders made a motion to deny the request. The Board will count back 60 days from the postmark on the envelope for the acceptable beginning date of supervision. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Ebony Tolbert:

Ebony Tolbert had written the Board requesting that she no longer be considered for licensure. Laura Printz made a motion to revoke Ms. Tolbert's provisional license for failure to comply with the Board's letter regarding a waiver request. Angela Sanders seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Amy Peeples:

Amy Peeples had written the Board requesting an extension to complete the required social work continuing education. Dr. Stephen Domon made a motion to grant Ms. Peeples 90-days due to extenuating circumstances. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on New Complaints:

The Executive Director reported that one (1) new complaint was received. The social worker has been notified and the Board is waiting on the response. Two anonymous complaints have been received and were dismissed due to inadequate information.

Board Reviewed Possible Changes to the Laws and Regulations:

The Board is continuing to review possible changes to the Laws and Regulations. This process is ongoing.

Review of Standing Financial Reports:

Laura Printz, LSW, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from February 2012. Betty Rhodes made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Abigail Christine Alphin Flossie Lane Carla Wall

Approved to take the Exam:

Alicia Cameron Cynthia Renee Dixon

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Chanel Alexander Myka Chantal Perry James Anthony Price
Victoria Margaret Spearman Mickey Lynn Wilson

Approved to take the Exam:

Joseph Frank Anderson Bernestine Johnson Debra Ann Thompson
Miranda Kim Worthey Dana Shareen Yarbough

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Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied or Pending Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Margie Ashcraft	Kristin Dana Beightol	Jennifer Benning
Ronda D Black	Beverly Annetta Counts	Katherine Collins Reynolds
Coinne Kennedy Sappington	Angela C Smith	Margaret Ann Wallace
Allyson Wise		

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Denied Applications:

One LCSW application was denied. Margie Ashcraft had submitted an application for licensure at the LCSW level but an original supervision plan was not on file. Angela Sanders made a motion to deny the application. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 82 applications for license renewal. Kelley Williams made a motion to approve all 82 of the renewals. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed eighteen random continuing education audits. Angela Sanders made a motion to approve all eighteen of the audits. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed sixteen random supervision plans for audit. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve all sixteen of the audits. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

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Several licensed social workers and NASW Arkansas notified the Board of an article in the March "DHS Today" Newsletter which highlighted an individual as a social worker. The individual is not licensed in the State of Arkansas as a social worker and it appears that the individual does not hold a social work degree. Laura Printz made a motion to issue a Cease and Desist letter to Lacey Shepherd. Nancy Streit seconded the motion, which carried.

The Board also reviewed the March "DHS Today" Newsletter and corresponding emails from DHS personnel. Laura Printz made a motion to send a letter to DHS regarding the scope of practice for social workers and licensing requirements. Nancy Streit seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on New Board Member Training:

Board members Gary Gray and Angela Sanders were guest of the Association of Social Work Board's New Board Member Training. Both members commented on how informative the training was.

There being no new business, Gary Gray made a motion to adjourn. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

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